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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Deputy Director, National Foreign Assessment
General Counsel
Inspector General

FROM : Principal Coordinator, HSCA
Office of Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Handling of HSCA Draft Reports

REFERENCE : DDCI Approval of Working Agreement with
HSCA

1. This memorandum is to outline the procedures for handling draft reports by HSCA. A copy of reference is attached.

2. In essence, the HSCA has proposed that we engage in an informal exchange on draft reports by the Committee. The Committee has a basic condition for this exchange, however, that there be no record of substantive exchanges. There have been some pointed dissents by the Agency to positions taken or indicated by the Committee, and the Committee would like the opportunity to address such disagreements in advance in order to resolve them where possible, without creating an unnecessary record of disagreement.

3. There are advantages in such an approach from the Agency's point of view, affording it the opportunity to correct both factual mistakes and points of view, at the same time that it addresses questions of security. The DDCI has approved engaging in this exchange, and the condition that there is no substantive record to be created during this phase of the review. If there are disagreements in the final phase, of course, the Agency is free to take such course of action as seems appropriate at that time.

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